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Declaration For U.S. Patent Application

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
(Insert Title) Process for the preparation of organic compounds containing a sulfinyl or sulfonyl group

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. '1.156.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. '119(a)-(d) or '365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or '365(a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or PCT International Application having a filing date before that of the application(s) for which priority is claimed:

(List prior foreign applications) MI2003A000617 IT 28 March 2003
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Priority Claimed
 Yes No
 Yes No
 Yes No

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. '120 of any United States application(s) or '365(c) of any PCT International application(s) designating the United States of America listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior application(s) (U.S. or PCT) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35, U.S.C. '112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. '1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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STATEMENT VERIFYING SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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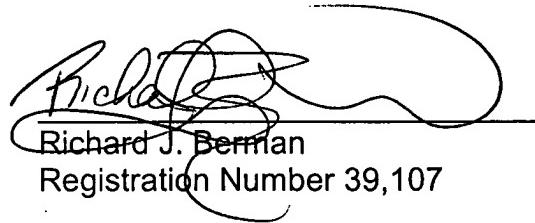
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Sir:

It is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application claims small entity status, and acknowledgement of this status by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby requested.

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